

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition ~~useful in treating mammalian tissue, said composition being comprised of a peptide comprising a peptide of SEQ ID NO: 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).~~
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said peptide is at a therapeutically effective concentration in a range of about .0002% to about 90%.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is a cosmetic preparation.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 3, wherein said cosmetic preparation is formulated as a topical preparation to be applied to a patient's skin.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 4, wherein said topical preparation is selected from the group consisting of an emulsion, lotion, spray, aerosol, powder, ointment, cream and foam.
- 6-7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said peptide composition is useful in improving tissue turgor.
9. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition further includes a pharmaceutical delivery system.
10. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein said pharmaceutical delivery system is selected from the group consisting of a topical delivery system and a subcutaneous delivery system.
11. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein said topical delivery system is selected from the group consisting of a cosmetic preparation, powder, emulsion, lotion, spray, ointment, aerosol, cream and foam.
12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Amended) A peptide comprising a peptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID 42 (Alanine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Amide), SEQ ID 43 (Acetyl-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 44 (Acetyl-Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Amide), SEQ ID 45 (Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 46 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 47 (Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Amide), SEQ ID 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine), SEQ ID 49 (Cysteine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 50 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 51 (Cysteine-Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 52 (Cysteine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 53 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine), SEQ ID 54 (Cysteine-Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine).

14-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising of a peptide comprising a peptide of SEQ ID 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).

20. (Previously Amended) A cosmetic preparation comprising of a peptide comprising a peptide of SEQ ID 48 (Glycine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).

21. (Previously Amended) The peptide as set forth in claim 13, where the peptide comprises comprising SEQ ID NO: 45 (Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine).

22. (Previously Amended) The peptide as set forth in claim 13, where the peptide comprises comprising SEQ ID NO: 50 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine).

23. (Previously Amended) The peptide as set forth in claim 13, where the peptide comprises comprising SEQ ID NO: 53 (Cysteine-Alanine-Valine-Valine-Proline-Glutamine-Cysteine).